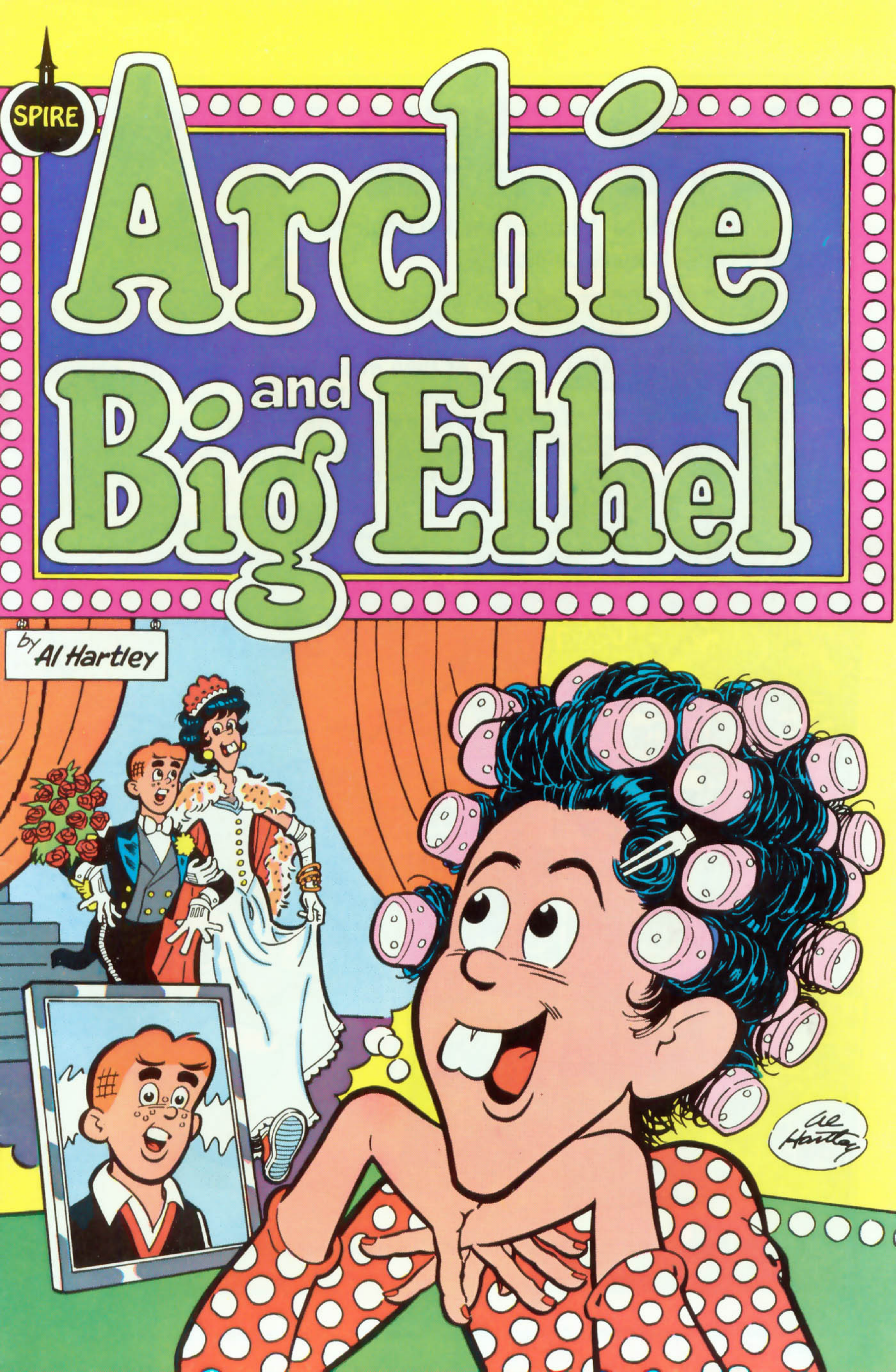
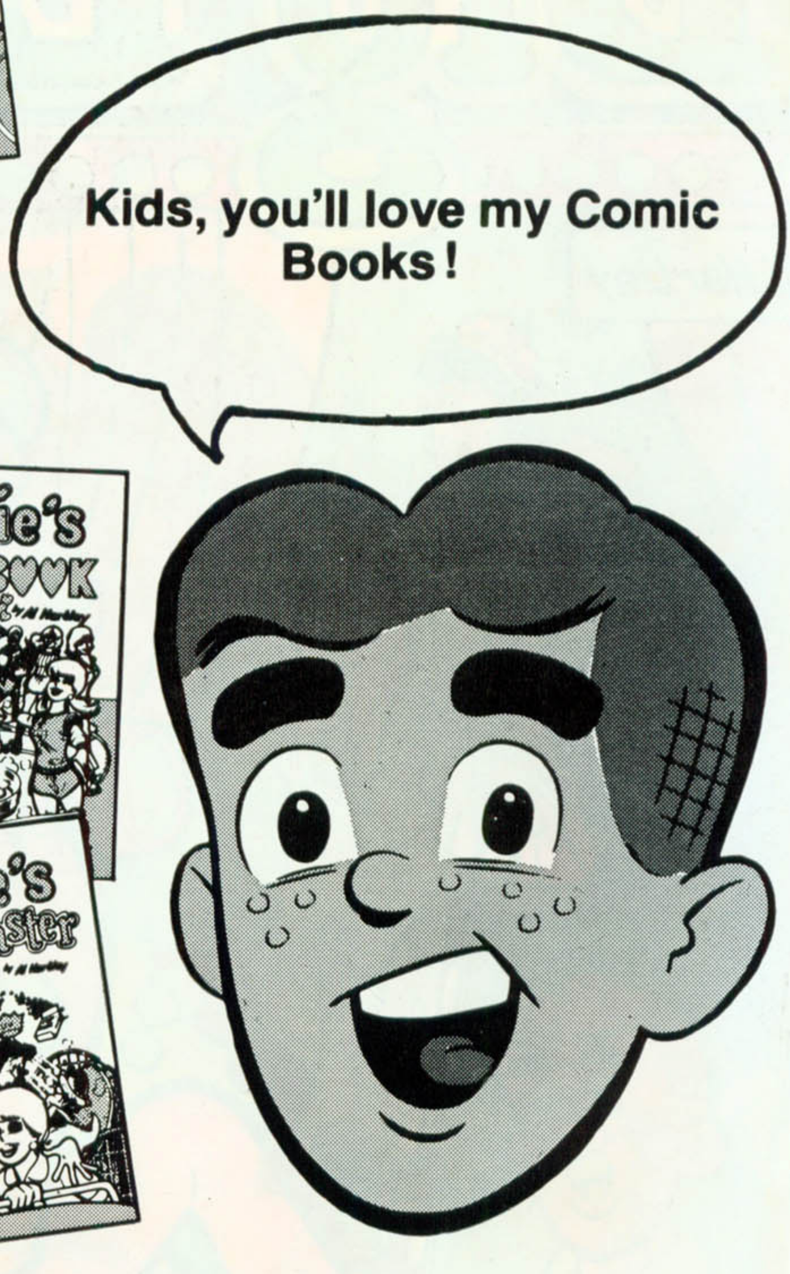

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MAY I CARRY YOUR BOOKS, ARCHIE ???
RIVER E HIG OOL
Archie and BIG Ethel
YOU'RE KIDDING !!! GIRLS DON'T CARRY BOYS' BOOKS!
THINGS HAVE CHANGED !!!
SWOOOP!
1


PUT ME DOWN !!!
NO ONE EVER ASKS ME FOR A DATE---
PLOP
---SO I MAKE MY OWN MOVES !!!
I DON'T HAVE MUCH GOING FOR ME---
---SO I TRY HARDER !!!
2


YOU CAN DRIVE ME HOME, ARCHIE!
I'M OUT OF GAS!
CHUGACHUGACHUGACHUG
NO PROBLEM !!!
AS SOON AS WE GO DOWN THE HILL, I'LL BE BACK BESIDE YOU, ARCHIE!
3


OH, ARCHIE---
YOUR CAR IS SO QUIET WHEN IT COASTS !!!
WE CAN TALK !!!
WE'VE GOT A LOT IN COMMON, ARCH!
WE'VE GOT THE SAME HANG-UPS !!!
WE'RE A COUPLE OF LOSERS !!!
I GUESS IT ALL GOES BACK TO OUR CHILD-HOOD !!!

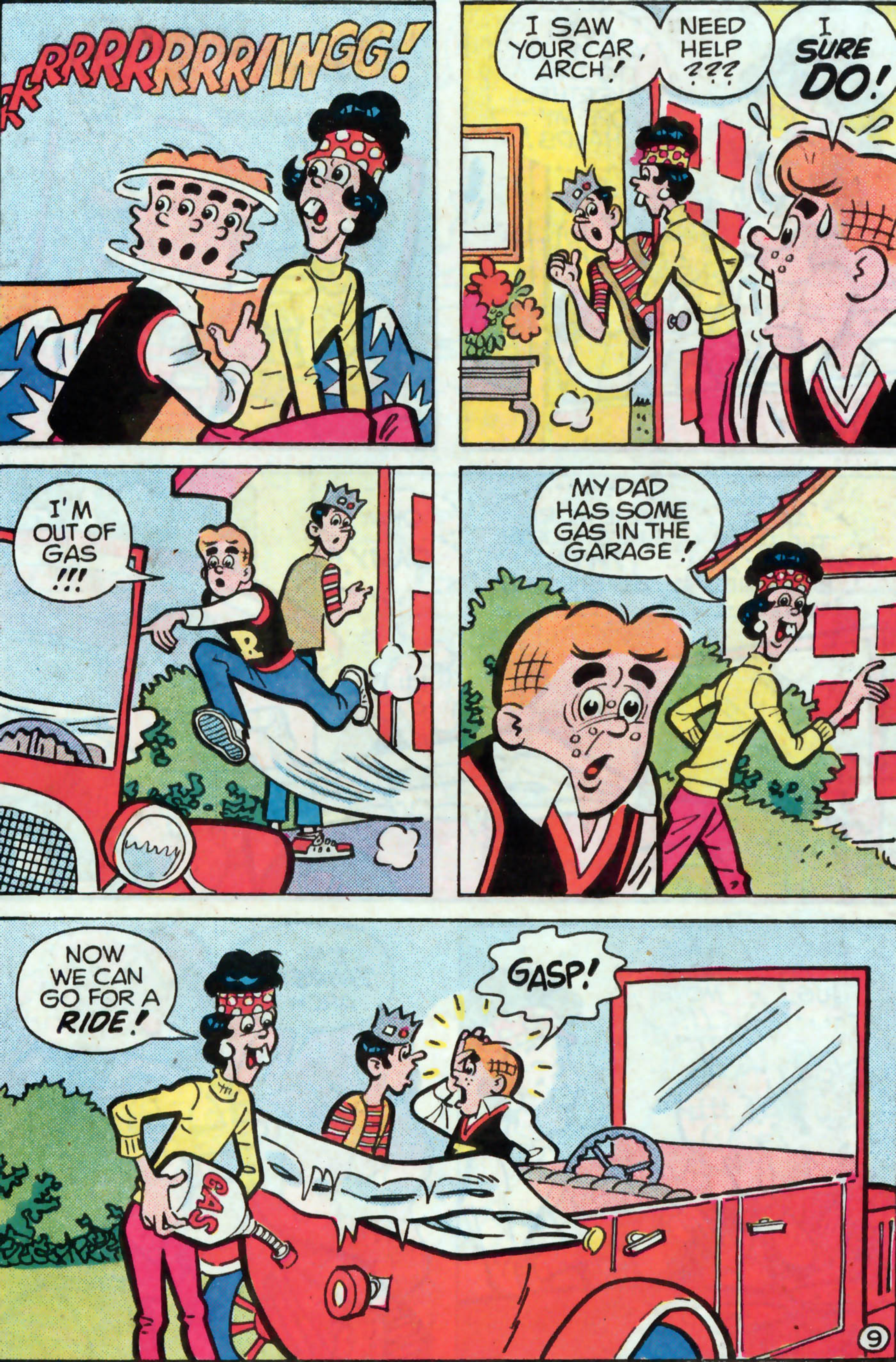

I REMEMBER YOU IN KINDERGARTEN, ARCH!
IN THE THIRD GRADE I KNEW YOU WERE MY KIND OF GUY!!!
IN HIGH SCHOOL YOU SWEPT ME OFF MY FEET!
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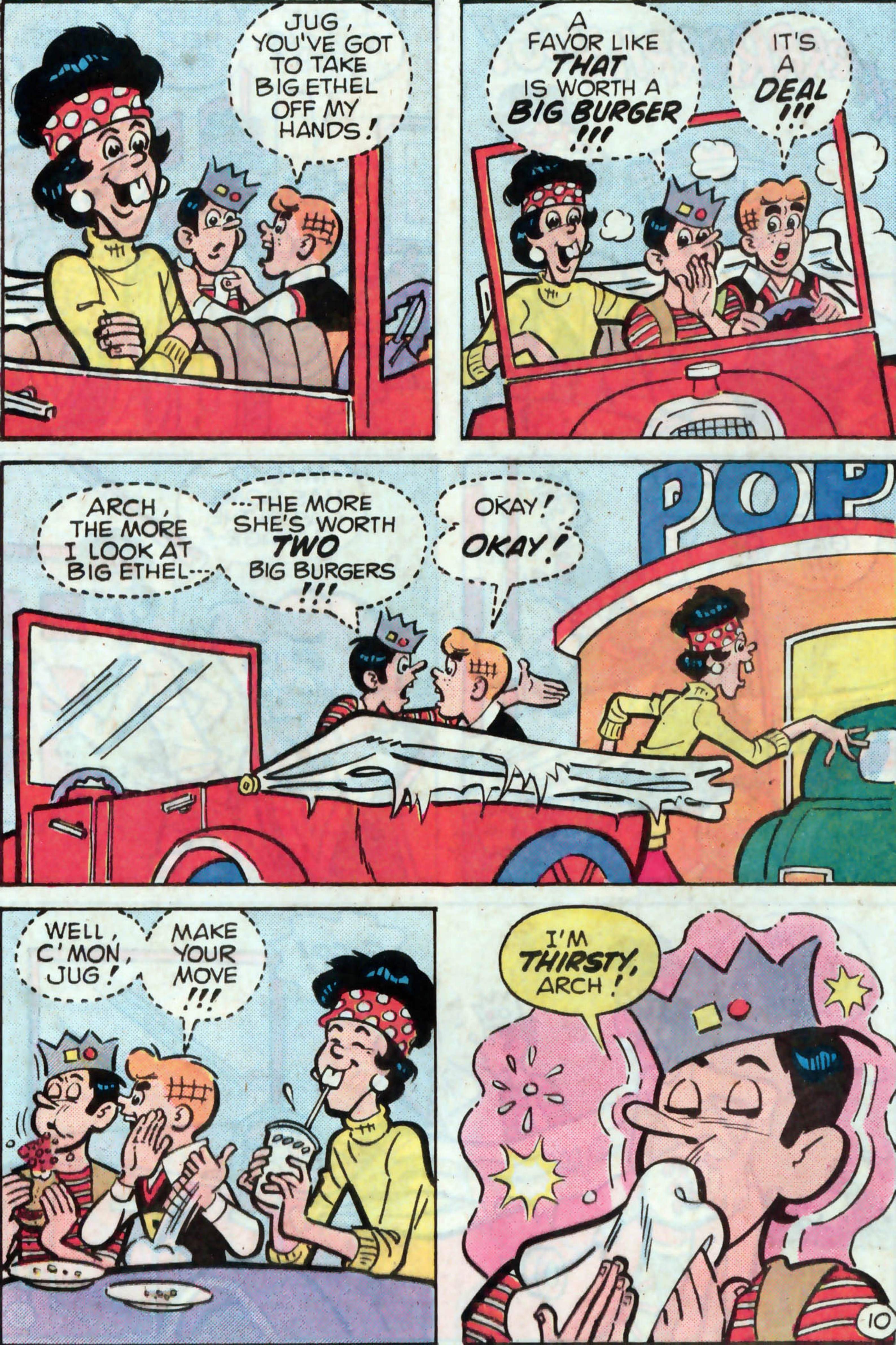
I'VE HAD TROUBLE GROWING UP, TOO !!!
SO WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO COPE !!!
WE NEED SO MANY ANSWERS ARCH---
ASK YOURSELF, ARCH--- WHERE ARE WE GOING ???
CRAASH!
COME WITH ME, ARCH---
---WE'VE GOT TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT THINGS!
6


BIG Ethel
COME INSIDE, ARCH!!!
SIGH
LOOK AT MY DIARY!
IT'S FULL OF MORE TEARS THAN INK!
IT'S THE STORY OF MY LIFE ARCH!
B
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7


I GET OUT OF BED WITH A GOOD ATTITUDE!
AND THEN I LOOK IN THE MIRROR!!!
YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL, ARCH---
--- I MEAN ---
WE'RE BIRDS OF A FEATHER!
WE'RE BOTH FUNNY LOOKING---
---AND CLUMSY---
WE WERE MADE FOR EACH OTHER!!!
8



RRRRRRRRRIINGG!
I SAW YOUR CAR, ARCH!
NEED HELP ???
I SURE DO!
I'M OUT OF GAS !!!
MY DAD HAS SOME GAS IN THE GARAGE!
NOW WE CAN GO FOR A RIDE!
GASP!
GAS
9


JUG, YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE BIG ETHEL OFF MY HANDS!
A FAVOR LIKE THAT IS WORTH A BIG BURGER!!!
IT'S A DEAL!!!
ARCH, THE MORE I LOOK AT BIG ETHEL---
---THE MORE SHE'S WORTH TWO BIG BURGERS!!!
OKAY! OKAY!
POP
WELL, C'MON, JUG!
MAKE YOUR MOVE!!!
I'M THIRSTY, ARCH!
10


ANOTHER MALT, ARCH! QUICK!!!
MORE, ARCH! MORE!
STOP STALLING, JUG!
JUST ONE MORE ARCH!
I KNOW THE SCORE, ARCH!
THE SODAS DIDN'T MAKE HIM SICK!
I DID!
11


BIG Ethel
JUG WILL FEEL LIKE A NEW MAN TOMORROW !!!
BUT I'LL BE THE SAME OLD ME!
BEAUTY DEMO TODAY
ZOOM!
12



I'M NEXT !!!
FREE BEAUTY DEMO
YOU'RE KIDDING !!!
C'MON, VERONICA !!!
YOU'RE GIVING BEAUTY DEMOS---
GIVE ME ONE!
BIG ETHEL---
I'M WORKING WITH COSMETICS---
---NOT A MAGIC KIT!
13


OH, BIG ETHEL !!!
I'M SORRY !!!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
I'LL SHOW YOU EVERY TRICK I KNOW!
I'LL PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS!
YOU'RE GOING TO BE BEAUTIFUL !!!
FIRST, WE'LL USE A GOOD FOUNDATION!
THEN LOTS OF HIGHLIGHTER !!!
AND OODLES OF BLUSHER!
AND SOME EYESHADOW !!!
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SOME EYELINER !!!
MASSES OF MASCARA!
AND LIP GLOSS!
YOU LOOK SENSATIONAL, BIG ETHEL!
TAKE A LOOK!
I--- I'M GOING TO SNEEZE---
AAHHCHOOOOZZZZ!
WELL---
NICE TRY, VERONICA !!!
15


I WONDER HOW MANY OTHERS ARE LIKE ME--- ... FINDING HAPPINESS AND POPULARITY ONLY IN FANTASY ???
BIG ETHEL
BIG ETHEL...
MAY WE HAVE AN INTERVIEW ???
WHEW-TV
IS IT TRUE YOU ONCE WERE AN UGLY DUCKLING ???
WHO CAPPED YOUR TEETH ?
KLTZ-TV
DID YOU HAVE A NOSE JOB ???
KLOD-TV

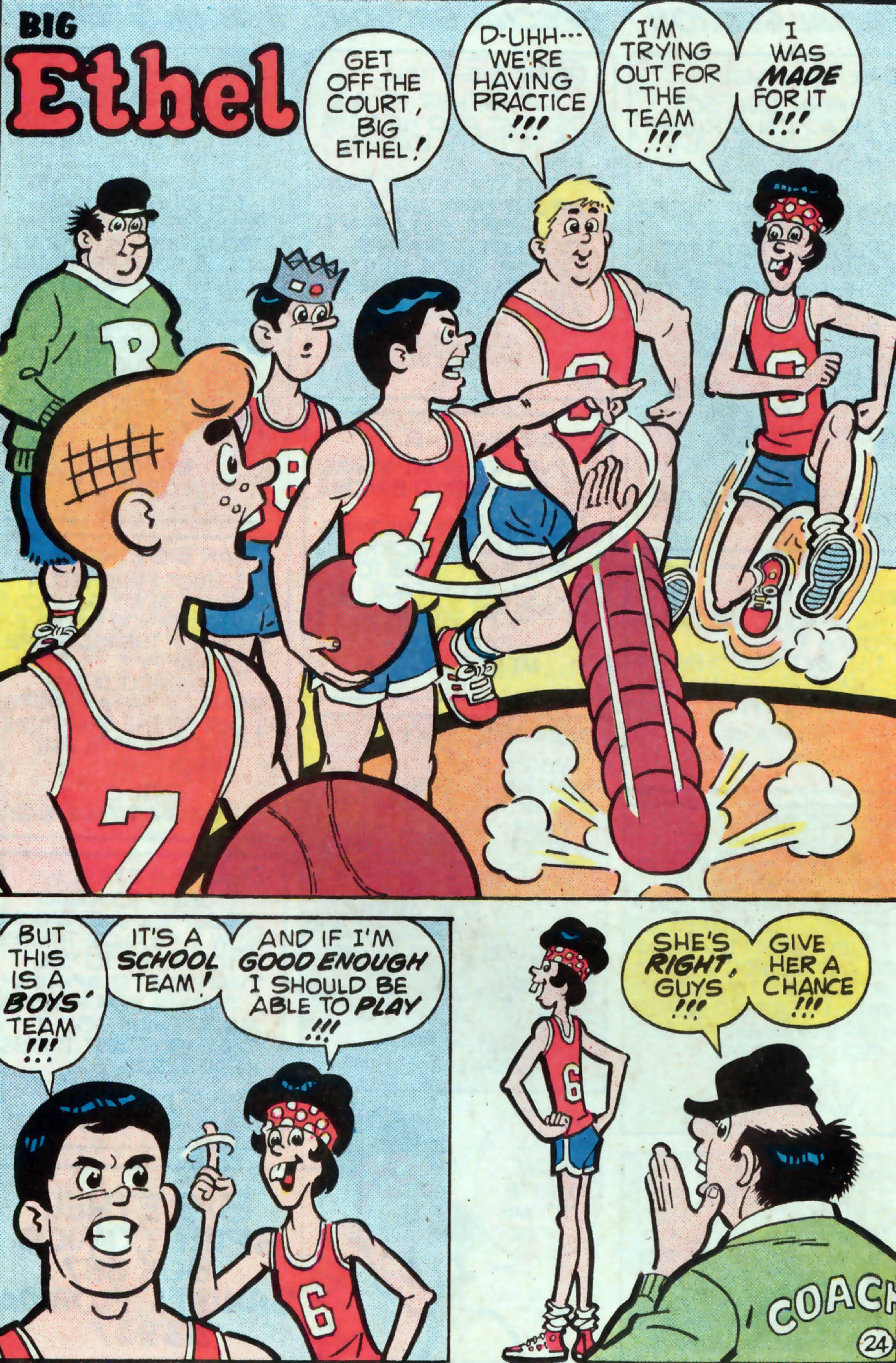


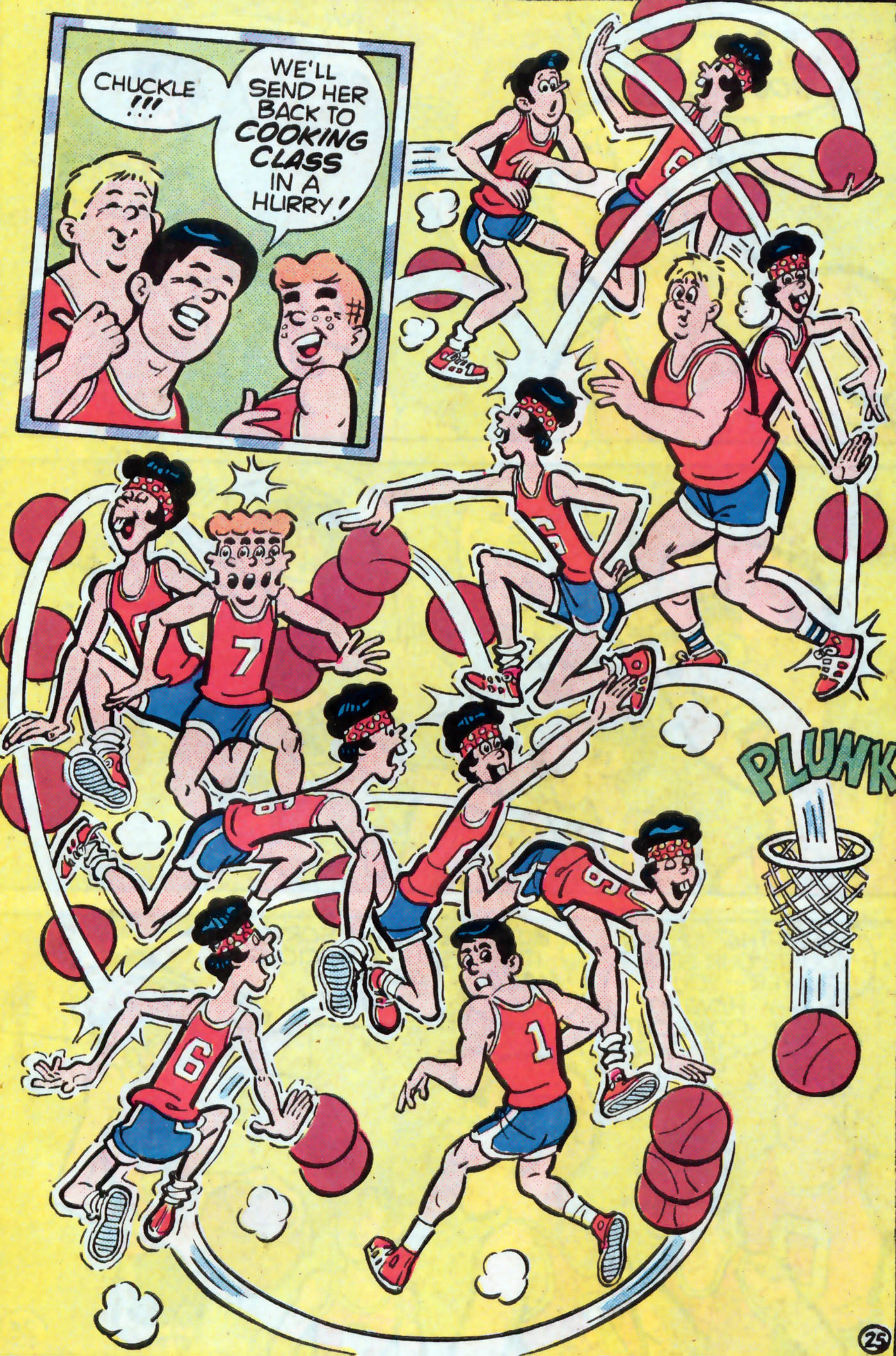
BROADWAY
BIG ETHEL IN PERSON
LOOK AT ME NOW! I'M A MEDIA QUEEN!
DAILY NEWS
BIG ETHEL IN TOWN TO
Today's Christian Woman
WOMAN OF THE YEAR
TIME
NEWS
THE TODAY SHOW with BIG ETHEL
MERV GRIFFIN
THE PHIL DUNAHOO SHOW SPECIAL GUEST BIG ETHEL
BIG ETHEL
Big
BIG ETHEL
#1 BIG ETHEL Sings
GOLD RECORD
18


BIG ETHEL
MY NAME IS IN LIGHTS...
...BY MY SPIRIT IS STILL IN DARKNESS!!!
I'M SO BEAUTIFUL ON THE OUTSIDE...
...BUT STILL ALL MIXED UP INSIDE!
EVERYBODY RECOGNIZES ME...
BUT I DON'T KNOW MYSELF!
CLIK!
CLIK! CLIK! CLIK!
19


I'M IN A MAKE BELIEVE WORLD !!!
IT SEEMS I'M LOADED...
...BUT I'M REALLY EMPTY!
I'M A STAR...
...BUT I'VE GOT TO COME DOWN TO EARTH !!!
HOLY BIBLE
20


I WONDER...
...WILL THIS SHOW ME THE TRUTH ABOUT LIFE ???
HOLY BIBLE
LORD, WILL YOU HELP ME TO COPE WITH ALL THE HURT IN THE WORLD?
PLEASE, LORD...
I DON'T WANT TO RUN AWAY...
...I DON'T WANT TO PLAY GAMES...
I WANT TO BE MYSELF !!!
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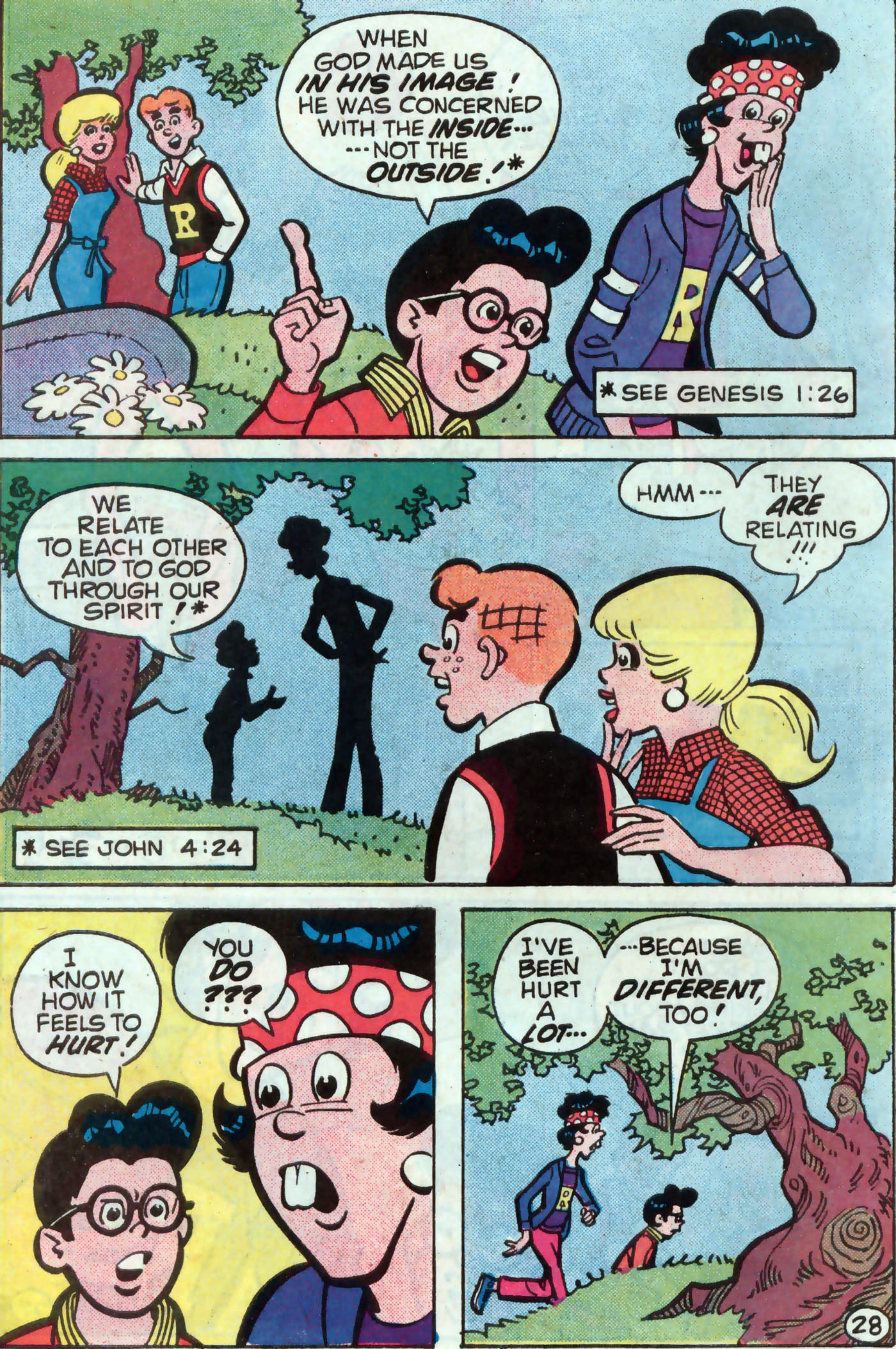

BIG Ethel
GET OFF THE COURT, BIG ETHEL!
D-UHH... WE'RE HAVING PRACTICE!!!
I'M TRYING OUT FOR THE TEAM!!!
I WAS MADE FOR IT!!!
BUT THIS IS A BOYS' TEAM!!!
IT'S A SCHOOL TEAM!
AND IF I'M GOOD ENOUGH I SHOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY!!!
SHE'S RIGHT, GUYS!!!
GIVE HER A CHANCE!!!
COACH
24



CHUCKLE !!!
WE'LL SEND HER BACK TO COOKING CLASS IN A HURRY!
PLUNK


BIG ETHEL IS GOOD!
SHE'S THE BEST WE'VE GOT!
NOW THAT YOU'RE OUR STAR PLAYER--- YOU'LL HAVE TO COME OUT OF YOUR SHELL!
BUT IT'S HARD!!!
I'M STILL SORTA SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT MY FACE!
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BIG ETHEL IS THE STAR OF THE TEAM!
AND, DILTON IS THE BUSINESS MANAGER!!!
BIG Ethel
WELL, I DON'T THINK THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT BASKETBALL NOW!
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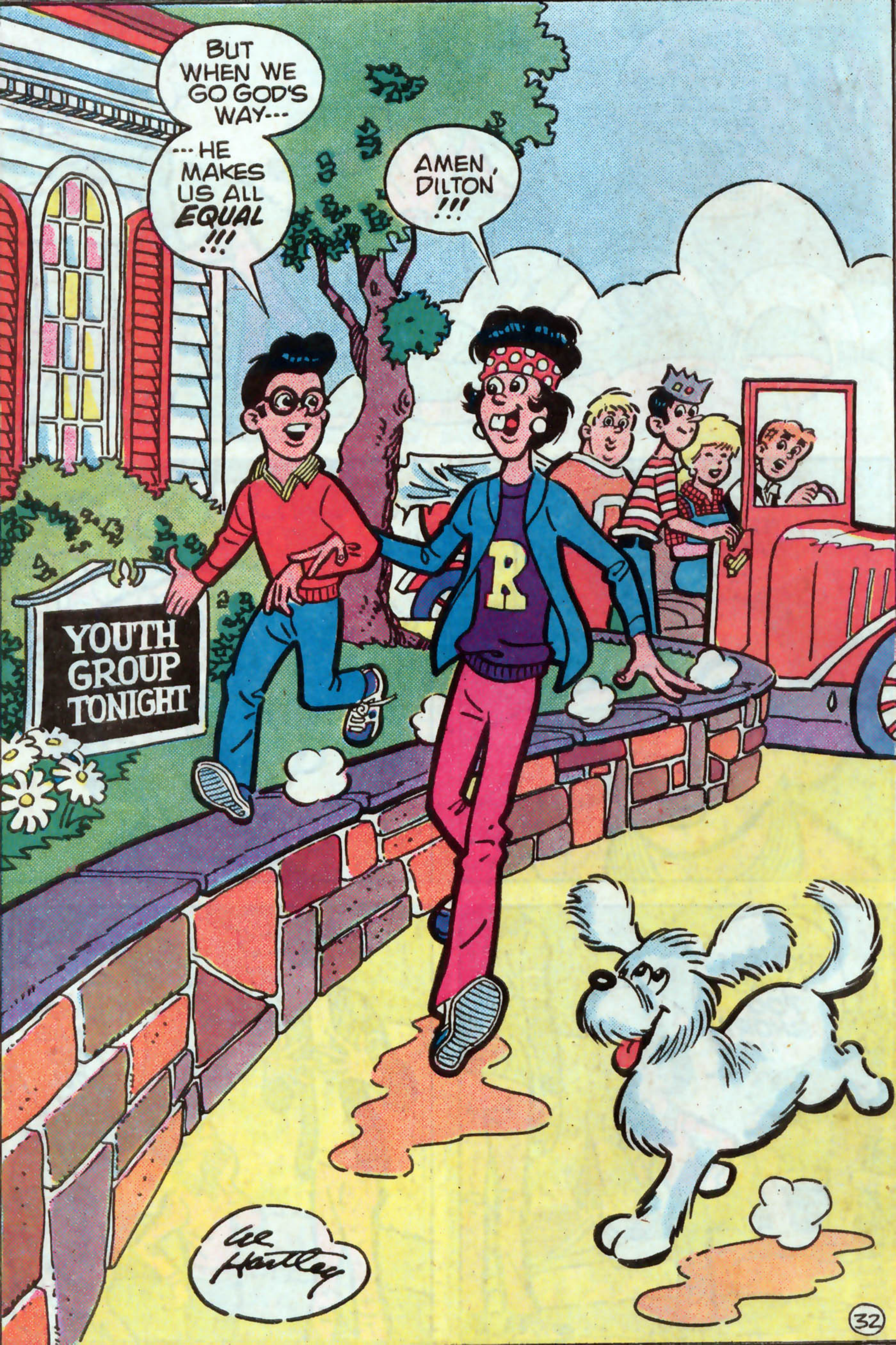

WHEN GOD MADE US *IN HIS IMAGE*! HE WAS CONCERNED WITH THE *INSIDE*... ...NOT THE *OUTSIDE*!*
* SEE GENESIS 1:26
WE RELATE TO EACH OTHER AND TO GOD THROUGH OUR SPIRIT!*
HMM...
THEY *ARE* RELATING!!!
* SEE JOHN 4:24
I KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO *HURT*!
YOU *DO* ???
I'VE BEEN HURT A *LOT*...
...BECAUSE I'M *DIFFERENT*, TOO!
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I WAS MOCKED OUT BECAUSE I WAS SMALL!!!
SO I WITHDREW!!!
I TRIED TO FILL MY LIFE WITH BOOKS!!!
BUT I COULDN'T FIND TRUTH!*
AND I WAS STILL HURTING!
* SEE 2 TIMOTHY 3:7
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THEN I JOINED A BIBLE STUDY GROUP!
I LEARNED ABOUT GOD'S LOVE...
--AND HIS TRUTH...
I FOUND REAL ANSWERS TO LIFE!!!
I REALIZED YOU CAN HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD! *
SO I PRAYED ABOUT IT---
---AND GOD MADE IT HAPPEN!!!
* SEE JOHN 14:6
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT ME NOW!
I KNOW WHAT GOD THINKS ABOUT ME!
THAT'S BEAUTIFUL!!!...
30



I'M STILL A RUNT ON THE OUTSIDE--- ---BUT I'M A GIANT ON THE INSIDE!
I SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY!!!
ME, TOO, DILTON!!!
I THOUGHT I WAS TOO SHORT!!!
AND I THOUGHT I WAS TOO TALL!!!
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BUT WHEN WE GO GOD'S WAY---
---HE MAKES US ALL EQUAL !!!
AMEN, DILTON !!!
YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT
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